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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 17, 2002 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested. An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

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AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 15 of page 2 with the following paragraph.

C/ The present invention is related to the GPR86 (P2Y₁₃) receptor (or any homologous sequence), the nucleic acid sequence of which is set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1 and the amino acid sequence of which is set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2 and a